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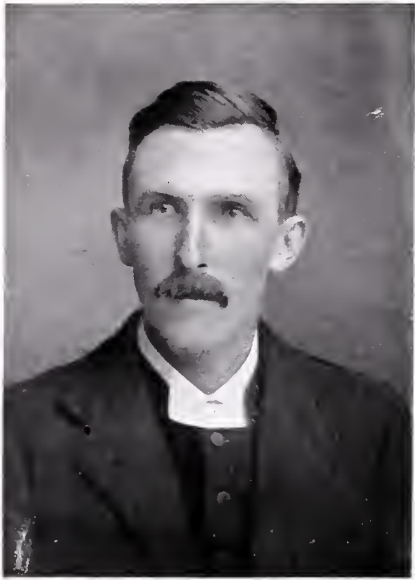
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REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE,

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THE history of the past year and our present circumstances are a pressing call on us to strengthen ourselves in the Lord our God. Economic conditions have been and are terribly against us. Merely to maintain our present work, last year's congregational contributions must be nearly trebled. Except for the medical work at Tainan, our depleted staff has received no reinforcement. Dr. Chalmers has resigned from Swabue, and few recruits are offering themselves. Dr. Gibson, so long a tower of strength to our work abroad, and Professor Macalister, a sagacious counsellor at home, have been removed from us. Our eyes are unto the Lord, Who also has not left us without encouragement.

At home there are signs of quickened interest and the beginnings of increased liberality. And from abroad there is good news enough to prove that our work is not in vain in the Lord, and to call us to thankful prayer on its behalf. We here present a brief survey of our Mission Fields from the furthest East, in Formosa, to India.

FORMOSA FIELD.

Formosan Church.—Communicants, 5,152; Adult Baptisms, 319; 106 Congregations; 11 Ordained Pastors; 158 Elders; 236 Deacons; Income, Yen 24,726.

Mission Staff and Institutions.

Tainan.—Rev. T. Barclay, D.D., Rev. D. and Mrs. Ferguson, Rev. A. B. Nielson, Rev. W. E. and Mrs. Montgomery, Rev. E. and Mrs. Band, Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell, Dr. and Mrs. Cheal, Misses Barnett, Lloyd, and Mackintosh.

Middle School, Theological College, Book Room, and Printing Press, Hospital, Girls' School, Women's School.

Shoka.—Rev. C. N. Moody, Dr. and Mrs. Landsborough, Misses Butler, Livingston, and Arthur.

Hospital, Girls' School.

FORMOSA.—A most welcome fact is the addition during 1919 to the adult membership of the Church of 319 by baptism and of 86 by admission to Communion. The net increase in the adult membership was 269. Last year the number was 157. The increase, while by no means

satisfying the Missionaries, is to them, short-handed as they are, a token for good. There are 106 congregations, of which forty-nine are under Formosan pastors and fifty-seven under the pastoral care of the Missionaries, a higher number than they can possibly supervise. The result was that twenty-two were last year without any visit from a Foreign Missionary, man or woman. A further deplorable result of this shorthandedness is a certain drifting apart of Church and Mission, to the detriment of mutual understanding and co-operation. Three new pastors were ordained during the year; but ten preachers resigned, and forty stations have no resident pastor or preacher. The resignations of so many preachers were due in part to financial reasons, which also, in some cases where a preacher has not resigned, have led to undue absorption in efforts to supplement his inadequate salary. Bee-keeping and ministerial efficiency is an unexpected conjunction; but so it is in Formosa. The salaries of the preachers need to be increased and also the provision made for students for the ministry, if the supply of preachers is to be kept up. Six students completed their course, leaving eighteen still on the College Roll. The circumstances of the Formosan Church seem to call for two grades of preachers, and if it were possible, as with the present staff it is not, the reorganisation of the College to supply two courses of different grade would have to be considered.

The Book Room reports an increase in sales and in production, and is well worth the £80 which it costs, and which must be drawn from the General Fund, unless this object can attract the liberality of any who may wish to further by special donations the missionary use of literature.

One of the most useful publications of the press is the 'Teachers' Helps,' which are increasingly appreciated. The adult Sunday school work, to which Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson give great attention, is making progress, though here, too, it would be the better for supervision which the reduced staff makes impossible.

The Middle School, under the Rev. E. Band, has had a successful and comparatively uneventful year, and is now awaiting with interest the issue of the new Government regulations of Education, which it is hoped may not injuriously affect its work.

That some special evangelistic meetings in the Middle School and Girls' School conducted by the Rev. Campbell Moody led to over sixty pupils signifying their desire to join the Church is only one indication of the wonderful opportunity afforded by such institutions of reaching young people. Christian schools are doing for the moral and spiritual welfare of this class a work which is unique, for whatever schools the Government may, in accordance with its new policy, provide for the Formosans will at best be purely secular and may involve some complicity in Shinto worship.

Mr. Band, happily married at the end of 1919 to Miss Reive, is taking a well-earned furlough. During his absence Mr. Montgomery is to be in charge of the School. But who can think it satisfactory that a vacancy in our educational work can only be filled by impoverishment of the equally important evangelistic and pastoral side of the Mission?

Of the Medical work there is naturally less to say than usual. Dr. and Mrs. Landsborough have returned to Shoka, where Miss Arthur has now joined them. The Hospital was reopened in April 1919, and Dr. Landsborough's hands are already full of work. He reports that female

nurses in the women's wards are working well, and that on its religious side the Hospital is admirably served by the preacher and the Biblewoman.

Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell received a hearty welcome on their return to Tainan. Necessary repairs on the Hospital buildings were at once undertaken; but the full resumption of medical work will fall rather into the report of this current year. In addition to the alterations in hospital organisation demanded by the new Government regulations, it has been thought well to dispense with those who were formerly called students or apprentices and to supply their place partly with dispensers and partly with orderlies in the men's wards, and women nurses in the women's wards.

AMOY FIELD.

Chinese Church.—Communicants, 3,089; Adult Baptisms during the year, 148; Congregations, 81; Pastors, 17; Income, \$32,245.

Mission Staff and Institutions.

Amoy.—Rev. G. M. and Mrs. Wales, Rev. H. W. and Mrs. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. P. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Misses Macgregor, Symington, Noltenius, Davis, and Donaldson.

Anglo-Chinese College, Girls' Boarding School, Kindergarten.

Chinchew.—Rev. J. and Mrs. Watson, Rev. A. S. Moore Anderson, Messrs. Rogers and Underhill, Dr. and Mrs. Montgomery, Misses Ramsay, Duncan, MacArthur, and McKay, Dr. Bryson, Dr. Thacker.

General Hospital.—Westminster College, Senior and Junior Schools, Bible School, Women's Hospital, Girls' School, Kindergarten.

Changpu.—Dr. and Mrs. Lamb, Misses Maclagan, Lecky, and Herschell.

Hospital, Higher Primary School, Girls' School and Kindergarten, Children's Home.

Yungchun.—Rev. W. and Mrs. Short, Misses Ross, Ewing, and J. Ewing. Hospital, Higher Primary School, Girls' School.

CHINCHEW.—We have in this City a compendious example of our Mission work, the Christian community organised in three Congregations under their own Ministers with their primary schools and school teachers and other activities, and alongside this community and in closest co-operation with it, the varied work of the Mission, both F.M. and W.M.A.

Mr. Watson and Mr. Rogers report on the general work of the district. In Chinchew itself, largely under the guidance of two of the Ministers, there has been more intensive evangelism, and throughout the whole district the Five Years Evangelistic Campaign has evoked fresh activity. In two Congregations in which things had been stagnant there has been marked progress. A too prevalent lack of family worship is a source of weakness to the Church. It may be partly due to inability to read the Bible; but a special effort, begun two years ago, to secure that all Church members should be able to read has not been without effect, and is creating a public opinion in the Church which will make the attack on Christian illiteracy easier.

In the Bible School Mr. Watson has again found a good opportunity for following, as he says, the Apostolic injunction: 'The same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also.' During Mr. Watson's absence Mr. Rogers took charge, while Dr. Montgomery managed the accounts. Help in teaching was given by Mr. Brown

(L.M.S.) from Hwei-an, Mr. Short (from Yungchun), Miss McKay in Singing, as well as by Chinese ministers. There were twenty-two students, of whom four completed their course, and two others, though their course was not finished, were sent out as preachers. The School is a Union institution, with students from the American and London Missions as well as from our own.

The Medical work has been carried on by Dr. Montgomery and Dr. Iap, of whose professional skill and helpfulness as his colleague Dr. Montgomery speaks warmly. The new Out-Patient block, built with money subscribed in Manila, has greatly improved the conditions under which that side of the hospital work is carried on. The building operations interfered a little with the arrangements for the evangelistic work; but the builders agreed to stop operations so as to allow for the usual services on the out-patient days, and on the other days of the week Ward Services took the place of the services in the Hospital chapel. The evangelistic work benefited by the help of groups of visitors on Sunday afternoons and in other ways. Mrs. Montgomery, with the matron and Biblewoman, attended to the spiritual interests of the women patients, and Mr. Rogers gave important help in the following up of patients who had returned to their country homes. From a medical point of view, the most untoward event of the year was an epidemic of cholera, the first for many years.

EDUCATIONAL work and Hygiene throughout the Province of Fokien is being organised by a Committee in Foochow, which has a sub-committee in Amov. In this work the Hospital helps by the training of its students, of whom there are at present six, who afterwards go out into general practice. A matter of interest is the building by the people of Anhai of a hospital there, with an invitation to the Mission to settle a medical missionary. Dr. Iap, who shrinks from undertaking the large Chinchew Hospital during Dr. Montgomery's absence, may accept the invitation to take charge of this Anhai Hospital. But the latest news affords some hope that it may be possible to keep the Chinchew Hospital running under his charge during Dr. Montgomery's furlough.

The great EDUCATIONAL work has continued, with gratifying success, under Mr. Anderson and Mr. Rogers. The excitement in the student world caused by the Shantung question interfered a little with normal arrangements and influenced to a slight extent the morale of the school. A re-arrangement of the school year diminished the numbers in the Senior School. With money collected in the Philippines a large new block was built and opened in November. The Christian tone of the Senior School is well maintained, some sixty boys engaging in voluntary Christian work every Sunday.

In the Junior School the number of pupils (216) was a record. New dormitory accommodation had to be provided and a larger teaching staff engaged. A beginning has been made in the opening of elementary schools, which may act as feeders. One such school was opened in the autumn. The religious work of this junior department has been continued as usual. On Sunday afternoons the whole school is organised as a Sunday school, with between ten and twenty classes. When Mr. Underhill returns from his furlough, it is hoped that a normal department will be organised. Mr. Anderson expresses his indebtedness to Mrs. Watson, who taught one class in English, and to Dr. Montgomery, who took medical charge of both Senior and Junior Schools.

YUNGCHUN.—Mr. Short gives a deplorable account of social conditions. The district is harassed by the soldiers of the Southern army, over whom there is little discipline. Oppression, robbery and vice are rife. There is much scarcity of food, and consequent poverty, under pressure of which peasant proprietors are mortgaging their property at great loss and parents are selling their children. In order to help the finances of the Southern Government or of the military leaders who assume its authority, the cultivation of opium is being encouraged. On his way to Chinchew Mr. Watson was grieved to see fields of poppy. Missionaries, however, are not molested, and Chinese Christians receive what may be called preferential treatment. This is not meted out indiscriminately to all claimants to the Christian name. One old man, arrested as a spy, was honourably dismissed because he could satisfactorily respond to the challenge to pray and sing. A church attender, who was in partnership with a man who sold idolatrous paper, had his claim to be a Christian disallowed. 'No Christian,' said the bandits who had captured him, 'sells idolatrous paper.' The privileged position of the Church has naturally attracted many, and, while in relation to these persons great caution is called for, there are also exceptional opportunities of preaching and of friendly intercourse with those who, in normal times, would have been inaccessible.

The Five Years' Evangelistic Campaign has been begun. A summer conference of pastors and preachers has, as in the previous year, proved helpful. Competent voluntary workers are few. This is partly due to the lower standard of education. Thus the importance of schools is emphasised; but with nineteen churches in the district there are only seven schools, with fourteen teachers and 250 scholars. A Higher Elementary School at Yungchun is promising well. At the beginning of the year there was a record enrolment of 121 pupils, and the ten boys in the senior class are an exceptionally nice group. A Sunday School has been started on Sunday afternoons. The Hospital has remained closed during the year. A Medical Missionary is badly wanted, and hardly less pressing is the need of another Ministerial Missionary to give more of that brotherly help which, as given by Mr. Short, only quickens the desire of the Chinese workers for a larger measure of it.

CHANGPU.—As Yungchun has been without a Medical Missionary, so Changpu has had no resident Ministerial Missionary. In the autumn two Chinese ministers visited the district and held successful meetings in several places. From all quarters there are reports of the willingness of all classes to hear the Gospel, and the preachers have shown some greater readiness to do evangelistic work. Dr. Lamb's hospital work has been hampered by the poverty and unsettled state of the country. Many soldiers were received as patients during the year. Unfortunately, they were rather a difficult element, because of difference of language and because they were rather exacting patients. At one time all the beds in the men's wards were occupied by them; but an arrangement was come to by which twenty beds were allotted for their use. The number of women patients has been fewer than usual. Medically and otherwise it has been satisfactory to find the patients staying longer in the Hospital than formerly. Patients of all classes, from the Military and Civil Magistrates down to the street beggars, have received treatment. The assistant has done good work. There were six student helpers, to whom Dr. Lamb has given some medical instruction.

The Hospital Preacher did his work efficiently and was helped by the pastor and others. The W.M.A. ladies gave much valuable service to Evangelistic work among the women. In the latter part of the year Dr. Lamb seemed to see a more reverential attitude among the patients.

SWATOW FIELD.

Chinese Church.—Communicants, 4,878; Adult Baptisms, 190; Congregations, 84; Ordained Pastors, 11; Income, \$25,392.

Mission Staff and Institutions.

Swatow.—Revs. H. F. Wallace, J. C. Smith, T. C. Gibson, A. G. Gamble, Dr. Lyall, Dr. and Mrs. Whyte, Dr. and Mrs. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Paton, Mr. and Mrs. Edmunds, Misses Harkness, Brander, Chisholm, and Dryburgh, Dr. Beath, Dr. Heyworth.

Intermediate School, Anglo-Chinese College, Theological College, Hospital, Printing Press, Girls' School, Women's Hospital, Women's Training-school.

Chaochowfu.—Rev. T. W. D. and Mrs. James, Dr. and Mrs. Wight, Miss Wells.

Hospital, Preaching Hall, Girls' School.

Swabue.—Rev. D. and Mrs. Sutherland, Miss Paton.

Higher Primary School, Hospital.

SWATOW.—The annual reports from this field have not been received, with the exception of the statistical returns. The most notable and certainly the most untoward event during the year seems to have been the trouble in the Anglo-Chinese College. In the first part of the year the work of the College was not very seriously interfered with by the anti-Japanese movement, in which scholars of all schools, Government and Mission, took the leading part. But in the autumn term, the students, being by this time somewhat 'high-flown with insolence,' took occasion of the birthday of Confucius to attempt the introduction into the College of ceremonies which no Christian school permits and when this was checked proceeded to flat rebellion, which necessitated their expulsion. More than half of them were afterwards readmitted at the request of their guardians and after making apologies. But, even so, there was reason to suspect that all the mischievous elements had not been got rid of. Mr. Wallace handled wisely a very difficult situation, and is entitled to the fullest sympathy and support, all the more that he is without the assistance of Mr. Edmunds, at present on furlough.

CHAOCHOWFU.—In the absence of Mr. James on furlough there is no report of the general work. On the Medical side, the chief event has been the rebuilding of the Hospital, which was severely damaged by the earthquake. Its formal reopening took place in November. Dr. Wight expresses his great appreciation of the advantages of the new building.

SWABUE.—During the three months that Mr. Sutherland has been back he has been active in visiting the stations. He is struck with the evidence that 'Christianity has established itself in the country and that its aggressive power is manifesting itself in very many ways.' Progress at our stations is not so marked. For this he notes three reasons: (1) The preachers are more tied to teaching and have less time for evangelism; (2) the illiteracy of the Christians; (3) the great poverty of the people,

which is more than he has ever seen before. The excitement of the Japanese boycott has been felt in Swabue as elsewhere. The boys of the Mission School and of one of the Government schools in the neighbourhood have been active in the matter, and Mr. Sutherland was told that merchants preferred our boys rather than the Government schoolboys to search their shops because they stole nothing.

Dr. Ross in following Dr. Heyworth had the pleasure of taking over a Hospital with every department in full working order and with a balance in hand. Owing to the claims of other work it was not possible to keep the Hospital open for more than seven months during the year.

HAKKA FIELD.

Chinese Church.—Communicants, 1,473; Adult Baptisms, 55; Congregations, 45; Elementary Schools, 40; Pastors, 3; Income, \$5,937.

Staff and Institutions.

Wukingfu.—Rev. M. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Rev. W. B. and Mrs. Paton, Dr. and Mrs. Stewart, Misses Bahmer, Starkey, Thompson, and Gilchrist. Theological College, High School, Hospital, Girls' School, Women's School.

Samho.—Rev. R. W. R. Rentoul and Dr. McPhun. Higher Primary School, Hospital.

Shanghang.—Dr. and Mrs. Dale, Miss Burnett. Hospital.

HAKKALAND.—Mr. Paton, reporting on the whole Hakka field, says that in the main there is good reason to be proud of the preachers. He notes that they all heartily respond to sympathy and help, if only there were more missionaries to extend it to them. Mr. Paton tried to get into closer touch with them by dividing the summer class into two sections. The meeting with the first section was only a partial success owing to Mr. Paton being laid aside with fever. The second meeting was thoroughly successful. The days were filled, mornings with prayer and Bible study, afternoons with conference and visiting of the local Congregations, evenings with open-air preaching. The College Tutor helped in this work by conducting a successful conference with the Northern preachers. It is gratifying to have the co-operation of men capable of rendering such service.

The out-station work is in some cases discouraging owing to 'village feuds, local jealousies, family intrigues, cares of this world, and the lapse of Church members.' Yet on a large view the work undoubtedly progresses. Sometimes there are sudden revivals, as in one case where only two or three members remained, and where, after a change to more suitable premises, a considerable congregation has been gathered with a school of 40 or more boys, both preacher and teacher being entirely supported by local contributions.

To simplify the work in the Theological College, students who had finished their third year were sent out to do a year's practical work, and the remaining nine men were formed into one class. Mr. Paton could only give six hours a week of lecturing, but was always available

in case of special need. Otherwise the supervision of the College was in the hands of the very competent Tutor, Rev. Tshai Yung.

The number of High School pupils has risen to 71, and its standard is well maintained. Mr. Paton in his Scripture teaching has given special attention to the Old Testament, and, as one outcome, a book by him, 'Main Lines in the Old Testament,' is to be published by the Presbyterian Mission Press, Shanghai. Five boys have been baptized and 15 received to Communion, making now 27 Church members in the School. The Y.M.C.A. is a decidedly good influence. Some of its members share in Evangelistic work and in Sunday-school teaching. Of the 845 boys in the Elementary Schools 50 per cent. come from non-Christian homes, a fact which illustrates the Evangelistic potentiality of this work. The cost to the Mission Funds of these schools was only \$283.

Some slight advance is reported in Sunday-school work. There are 600 scholars, of whom 30 per cent. were adults. If it is so, as Mr. Paton says, that much impotence in Church life is due to the failure to appreciate the Scriptures, it is evident that development of adult Sunday-school work strikes at the root of this evil.

The small Blind School has done good work. All three boys can read. The Gospel of St. Mark is already in Braille for them, and, before Mrs. Paton leaves on furlough, she hopes to have the Acts ready for their use. One of the pupils can earn his own living, and the other two have added the making of straw sandals to their accomplishments. The School may have to be closed when Mrs. Paton leaves. This would be a great pity, for the pupils would benefit by further training, and there are other applicants for admission, one, for instance, a bright boy of 12. As an infant he had not opened his eyes within the normal period, and so his mother tried *burning them open* with a red hot wire, completely destroying his sight.

The Medical work in Wukungfu has been under the charge of Dr. Dale, who reports a year's hospital work of the usual beneficent type, both medical and evangelical. A ten days' visit to an out-station was much appreciated by the people there and afforded good opportunities for preaching. The Dispensary at Hopo was opened at the end of March. The cost proved greater than had been anticipated; but it is to be regarded as a loan. In six months' working of the Dispensary there were nearly as many names on the books as for the whole year at Wukungfu. Inferior accommodation is provided for 20 patients and 2 students; but there is a strong local demand for a regular hospital.

At Shanghang Dr. Tsen is still in charge. The building of the Hospital wards has been completed, the cost being covered by promised subscriptions from the Chinese.

Since Mr. Rentoul's leaving on furlough, Dr. McPhun has been alone at Sam-ho. The district has suffered from bad economic conditions, which have affected the number of in-patients in the Hospital.

On various evangelistic tours good opportunities for preaching were found, and Dr. McPhun is encouraging the preachers to do more of such work. The school has been continued under its Chinese teachers; but in Mr. Rentoul's absence there is no report covering the whole of the year.

SINGAPORE FIELD.

Chinese Church.—Communicants, 568; Adult Baptisms, 16; Congregations, 10; Pastors, 2; Income, \$7,702 (exclusive of \$6,194 from investments).

Staff and Institutions.

Rev. J. A. B. Cook and Mrs. Cook, Rev. W. Murray.

SINGAPORE.—For eight months of the year reported on, Mr. and Mrs. Cook were on furlough, and Mr. Murray, who does not claim what he calls an efficient knowledge of Chinese, was alone. The Chinese work, therefore, suffered, and work among women was in abeyance. However, the preachers did good work, and the Rev. Tay Sek-tin, honorary pastor, at Tanjong Pagar, undertook ministerial services as far as his health permitted. A brief visit from Mr. Gamble (Swatow) was much welcomed. A new pastor has been settled at Tanjong Pagar, who has already organised an Adult Sunday School which is proving useful. The Preachers' Class for Bible Study has met weekly. Five out of the nine Chinese Congregations are now paying their own pastor or preacher.

Mr. Murray's own work among the Straits Chinese is carried on in Malay and English. The church has a membership of 57, contributing on an average £4 per head. In the Sunday School there are 100 scholars. The Reading Club, which meets weekly, is showing practical Christianity by providing comforts for the poor patients in the Hospital. A Friendly Band for Boys (on the lines of a Christian Endeavour Society) has 40 members and meets weekly. The Church 'Messenger,' in Malay and English, which carries the Gospel to outsiders, has evidence of its acceptableness in some unsolicited and generous donations towards its cost. Mr. Murray emphasises the need of a lady missionary on this side of the work, the many girls who are receiving an English education forming a wide field for work in the English language, which would be still further widened by a knowledge of Malay.

In Johore the Chinese population is rapidly increasing, both in numbers and in wealth, and opens to us a large and promising sphere for both Evangelistic and Educational work.

BENGAL FIELD.

Indian Church.—Communicants, 78; Adult Baptisms, 21; Congregations, 4; School, 1.

Staff and Institutions.

Rajshahi.—Rev. W. J. and Mrs. Hamilton, Misses Hall and Miller, Dr. Ella Morison.

Young Men's Union, Dispensary, Girls' High School.

Naogaon.—Dr. and Mrs. Morison.
Hospital.

INDIA.—In the absence of Dr. Robert Morison on furlough, Mr. Hamilton has had the oversight both of Rampore Boalia and Naogaon. The death of some new converts during an influenza epidemic weakened the Mission, both by their loss and by the consequent shaking of the faith of others. In spite of this, there has been an increase in the membership, and

beyond the circle of members there are others more or less deeply influenced by Christianity, two or three of them Christians in all but name. The Moulvie and the lay reader continue to do good work, and the Santal School has been recognised by the Inspector of Schools, who now pays half the teacher's salary.

Professor Banerji writes of the Young Men's Union for the Students in the Government College. The Union meets in the Mission Hall, and has a membership of about 40. The hall is open for two hours on three nights of the week for games and for the reading of newspapers. Occasionally public lectures are given by distinguished visitors to the town and by other friends. Seven candidates were sent up from a First Aid Class, and six obtained the certificate of the St. John Ambulance Association. There is also a small Bible Study Class, which may receive increased support now that portions of Scripture are included in the prescribed subjects for some of the Calcutta University Examinations. The Union also makes itself responsible for the distribution of the Scriptures presented by the British and Foreign Bible Society to all students who pass any University examination. The Union is much indebted to the Resident Magistrate and other friends for their help. The Committee is extremely grateful to Professor Banerji for the help to the Christian cause in Rajshahi given by this piece of practical work, which owes so much to his zeal and ability.

NAOGAON has suffered inevitably from the absence of a Resident Missionary, and the Christian community has, like the Church at Corinth, been torn by party spirit. The narcotic ganja is extensively grown in this district, and Mr. Hamilton thinks that its use may explain a good deal of the shifty and quarrelsome disposition which shows itself among the Christians. He recommends strict dealing on this account with inquirers. The converts both at Rajshahi and Naogaon are extremely poor, and this has made it hard to refuse them financial help. While there is still too great an inclination to look on religion as a source of gain, Mr. Hamilton notes as a good sign that Christians are beginning to feel insulted if they are called 'hangers on,' or, as they say, 'throat-hangers.'

The Medical work has, of course, been limited, but the compounder at Naogaon, who in addition to his Medical duties was in charge of the Mission buildings, has filled his post well, and at Rajshahi Mr. Hamilton, with the help of a compounder for part of the year and of his preacher, has ministered to 3,540 patients.

Mrs. Hamilton has done noble service on the Women's side of the work, which has received a welcome increase to its force by the addition of Miss Miller and Dr. Ella Morison to the W.M.A. staff.

This brief survey of our work shows how fruitful it has been in the creation of Christian communities in all our fields, and how full of promise it is. The survey shows also how much the staff is depleted, so that existing work is at present not fully maintained, and advance is impossible. Vacancies must, therefore, be filled and reinforcements sent. It may seem foolish to speak so when on last year's working there was a deficit of £7,000, and when, merely to maintain the work in its present depleted state, the Committee has to ask for an income from Congregational contributions almost three times as large as before. Yet there

are encouraging omens. Towards the very close of last year, when it was seen that economic conditions were heavily against us and an appeal was made for increased liberality, the Thankoffering and Self-Denial offering was more than doubled, and a final spurt in Congregational givings carried the total under that head to £2,300 more than in 1918, and £100 beyond the previous record. Signs are not wanting that all over the Church our Foreign Mission work is becoming a 'concern' to our people, stirring them to prayer and thought. It will not do to rest content with such signs. They are merely encouragements to face the task before us, the difficulty of which the Committee does not wish to conceal. But it has been set us in the Providence of God, and it is not insuperable. Much must be done and is already being planned for the diffusion of information and the establishment of a better organisation in every Presbytery and in all our Congregations. The Church has been called to prayer. Those who are already praying must also work, to lead others to join them both in prayer and in effort. For what is needed can hardly be secured without the loyal co-operation, not only of ministers and office-bearers, but of all our people. The Committee believes that the members of the Church will not hold back from prayer and service and gifts if only they know the great results which by God's blessing have already been obtained, and by an urgent summons to share in the great Christian enterprise are roused to realise that Foreign Mission work is no accidental and optional matter, but the natural impulse and bounden duty of all Christians, being essentially the propagation of that life in Jesus Christ which is their own glad experience, and which through that experience they know to be the only power which can redeem their brethren in China and India from all individual sin and social wrong. To bring in this better world is worthy of all our effort, that it may be a worthy recompense for the travail of Christ's soul.

A final paragraph may be allowed on the present situation, although what is recorded falls in large part within 1920 rather than 1919. The grave situation of our Foreign Mission work has been constantly before the Committee. At its instance the Executive Commission of Synod in November agreed that a call to prayer should be issued to the whole Church, and that a letter signed by the Moderator and Clerk of Synod should be sent to the Churches in China and Formosa, urging them to do their part in meeting the emergency. The Committee, after careful consideration, came to the conclusion that the financial arrangements for the workers under its charge required adjustment, and has sanctioned a scheme for the current year, the main features of which are that as regards four-fifths of their salaries they are relieved from the pressure of the high rate of exchange on their expenditure on the Field, though they have still to face the increased cost of living, and on their expenditure at home receive a bonus of twenty per cent. The second grade of the allowance for children is to begin at the age of 8 instead of 10 as formerly. In the matter of house accommodation some financial assistance may be given, at the discretion of the Committee, to missionaries on furlough. The Committee confidently believes that the Church will approve its action in going at least so far as this to relieve a situation which was becoming impossible. The Committee also agreed that the Secretary's salary should be increased by 20 per cent. as from January 1, 1920. These financial arrangements and the great increase in the cost of the whole work of the

Mission, due to the enhanced price of silver, account for the large sum which the Committee has to ask the Church to provide. It should be noted that this sum is merely for the maintenance of the work as it is and makes no provision for the filling up of vacancies during this current year, nor for any reinforcements. It follows that, unless this sum is provided, the Church will be faced by a deficit and forced to consider the sad alternative of contracting her missionary work. The Committee does not believe that the Church will consent to such a step.

The Committee desires to point out that, grave as the situation is financially, even more grave is the depleted condition of the staff, owing to which some work is already closed down, and an almost intolerable burden is thrown on the missionaries on the field.

Faced by these conditions, and knowing that the W.M.A. was in like circumstances, the Committee invited the W.M.A. to join in a common campaign to inform and interest the whole Church. A Joint Special Campaign Committee has been formed to arrange concerted action throughout the Church, and that this may be done more efficiently it is suggested that three similar joint sub-committees be formed for three provinces, into which for this purpose the Church is divided. These Committees will suggest and aid Presbyterian and Congregational effort by visits of deputies, and in any other way possible. The Central Joint Committee is undertaking as part of its work the dissemination of information. The Committee believes that to call forth both prayer and liberality of service and of gift nothing is more needed than that the Church be fully informed as to the already attained results and the present needs of our Foreign Mission work and as to its great possibilities, if only it is adequately developed; and that what is next in importance is that in every Congregation there be thorough organisation to conserve and make effective the interest thus aroused. If the Church, by enlisting all its members and adherents, makes good our boast that with us Church and Missionary Society are one and the same, we shall surmount our present difficulties, and under God's blessing shall enter on larger and more fruitful service than ever before.

Submitted, on behalf of the Committee, by

D. C. MACGREGOR, *Convener.*

P. J. MACLAGAN, *Secretary.*

THE MISSIONARIES.

(AS AT MARCH 31, 1920.)

MINISTERIAL MISSIONARIES.

* The asterisk before a name in these lists indicates a married missionary. The wives of the missionaries have always been efficient Mission workers.

	<i>Arrival on the Mission Field.</i>	<i>Stations.</i>
Rev. Thomas Barclay, D.D.	1874.	Tainan, Formosa.
„ *J. A. Bethune Cook	1881.	Singapore.
„ *Murdo C. Mackenzie	1888.	Wukingfu.
„ *Duncan Ferguson, M.A.	1889.	Tainan, Formosa.
„ *George M. Wales	1890.	Amoy.
„ Andrew Bonar Nielson, M.A.	1895.	Tainan, Formosa.
„ *David Sutherland, M.A.	1898.	Swabue.
„ *William J. Hamilton, B.D.	1900.	Rampore Boalia, Rajshahi, Bengal.
„ William Murray, M.A.	1901.	Singapore.
„ Alan S. M. Anderson, M.A.	1902.	Chincheu.
„ Horace F. Wallace, B.D.	1903.	Swatow.
„ *H. W. Oldham	1904.	Amoy.
„ *John Watson, M.A. ¹	1905.	Chincheu.
„ *W. B. Paton, M.A.	1905.	Wukingfu.
„ *W. E. Montgomery, B.D.	1909.	Tainan, Formosa.
„ *T. W. Douglas James, M.A.	1910.	Chaochowfu.
„ R. W. R. Rentoul, B.A.	1911.	Samhopa.
„ *Edward Band, B.A.	1912.	Tainan, Formosa.
„ T. Campbell Gibson, M.A.	1912.	Swatow.
„ *William Short, M.A., B.D.	1913.	Yungchun.
„ J. C. Smith, B.A.	1914.	Swatow.
„ Campbell N. Moody, M.A. ²	1914.	Shoka, Formosa.
„ A. Guthrie Gamble, B.A.... ..	1915.	Swatow.

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

Alexander Lyall, M.B., C.M. Edin.	1879.	Swatow.
John F. McPhun, M.B., C.M. Glasg.	1882.	Samhopa.
*David Landsborough, M.A., M.B., C.M. Edin.	1895.	Shoka, Formosa.
*J. Laidlaw Maxwell, Jun., M.D., B.S. Lond.	1900.	Tainan, Formosa.
*Robert Morison, M.D., F.R.C.S. Edin.	1902.	Naogaon, Rajshahi, Bengal.
*G. Duncan Whyte, M.D. Edin., D.T.M. & H. Camb.	1903.	Swatow.

¹ Mr. Watson was in Amoy during 1880-1895. He returned to the Mission in 1905.

² Mr. Moody was in Shoka from 1895-1908.

*J. Howard Montgomery, M.B., Ch.B. Edin.	1904.	Chinchew.
*Andrew Wight, M.B., Ch.B. Edin. ...	1907.	Chaochowfu.
*Norman B. Stewart, M.B., Ch.B. Glasg.	1911.	Wukingfu.
*Geo. Gushue-Taylor, M.B., B.S. Lond.	1911.	
*W. Chalmers Dale, M.B., B.S. Lond.	1913.	Shanghang.
*J. Henderson Lamb, M.B., Ch.B. Edin.	1914.	Changpu.
*Malcolm S. Ross, M.B., Ch.B. Edin. ...	1914.	Swatow District.
*P Cheal, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	1919.	Tainan, Formosa.

MISSIONARY TEACHERS.

*Mr. William Paton	1881.	Swatow.
*Mr. Henry J. P. Anderson, M.A. ...	1904.	Amoy.
Mr. Reginald A. Rogers, M.A.	1909.	Chinchew.
*Mr. Alfred W. Edmunds, B.A.I. (T.C.D.)	1910.	Swatow.
Mr. L. Kingsley Underhill, B.A. ...	1912.	Chinchew.
*Mr. E. Murray	1917.	Amoy.

MISSIONARIES ON SPECIAL SERVICE.

*Philip B. Cousland, M.B., C.M. Edin. ...	1883.	Yokohama.
*J. Preston Maxwell, M.D., B.S. Lond., F.R.C.S.	1899.	Peking.
*J. Stanley Ellis, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. ...	1919.	Tsinanfu.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION MISSIONARIES.

Miss Georgina J. Maclagan	1882.	Changpu.
Miss Annie E. Butler	1885.	Shoka, Formosa.
Miss Mary Harkness	1887.	Swatow.
Miss Margaret Barnett	1888.	Tainan, Formosa.
Miss Helen Lecky	1889.	Changpu.
Miss Janet Balmer	1890.	Wukingfu
Miss Lydia Ramsay	1890.	Chinchew.
Miss Annie N. Duncan	1893.	Chinchew.
Miss Margaret B. Macgregor	1893.	Amoy.
Miss Margaret Ross	1897.	Yungchun.
Miss Mary G. Ewing	1898.	Yungchun.
Miss Jeanie Ewing	1898.	Yungchun.
Miss Isabella E. Brauder	1902.	Swatow.
Miss Margaret E. MacArthur	1902.	Chinchew.
Miss Jeannie Lloyd	1903.	Tainan, Formosa.
Miss Gertrude Wells	1905.	Chaochowfu.
Miss Edith Herschell	1906.	Changpu.
Miss Jeanie P. McKay	1906.	Chinchew.
Miss Anne Symington	1907.	Amoy.
Miss Dora Noltenius	1910.	Amoy.
Miss Eleanor Y. Burnett	1910.	Shanghang.
Miss Evelyn D. Davis	1912.	Amoy.
Miss Mary Winnefred Hall	1912.	Rampore Boalia.
Miss Winifred Starkey	1913.	Wukingfu.
Miss Annie A. Livingston	1913.	Shoka, Formosa.
Miss Phyllis A. Chisholm, B.A....	1914.	Swatow.
Miss Marie Thompson	1914.	Wukingfu.

Miss Mary Paton	1914.	Swabue.
Miss Muriel Donaldson	1914.	Chinchew.
Miss Jessie Gilchrist	1916.	Hakkaland.
Miss Sabine Mackintosh	1916.	Tainan, Formosa.
Miss A. Mary Miller	1919.	Rampore Boalia.
Miss Arthur	1919.	Shoka.
Miss Dryburgh	1919.	
Miss Macpherson		

W.M.A. MEDICAL MISSIONARIES.

Miss Margaret Edith Bryson, M.B., Ch.B. Glasg.	1904.	Chinchew.
Miss Nina H. Beath, M.D. Edin. ...	1905.	Swatow.
Miss Louisa Graham Thacker, M.B., B.S. Lond.	1906.	Chinchew.
Miss F. Winifred Heyworth, L.R.C.P. and S. Edin.	1915.	Swatow.
Miss Ella Morison	1919.	Rajshahi.

The Mission Staff numbers 23 Ministerial Missionaries, 22 Medical Missionaries (including 5 Lady Doctors), 6 Missionary Teachers, 32 Wives of Missionaries, 34 W.M.A. Ladies (not including the Lady Doctors), resident at 15 centres.¹

N.B.—POSTAL ADDRESSES.

For Amoy, Chinchew, and Changpu : put *only* 'Amoy, China.'

For Yungchun : 'Yungchun, Amoy, China.'

For Swatow and Chaochowfu : put *only* 'Swatow, China.'

For Swabue : 'Swabue, by Hong Kong, China.'

For Wukingfu : 'Wukingfu, *via* Swatow, China.'

For Samhopa : 'Samhopa, near Swatow, China.'

For Shanghang : 'Shanghang, by Swatow, China.'

For Formosa : 'Shoka, Formosa,' Japan (for Chianghoa), or 'Tainan, Formosa,' Japan.

For Singapore : 'Gilstead, Newton, Singapore.'

For India : 'Rampore Boalia, Rajshahi, Bengal, India,' or 'Naogaon, Rajshahi, Bengal, India.'

In every case put 'English Presbyterian Mission' after the missionary's name.² Letters, 2½*d.* for the first ounce, and 1½*d.* for each ounce afterwards, to China and Formosa ; 2*d.* for the first ounce, and 1*d.* for each ounce afterwards, to Singapore and India.

OUR MISSION FIELDS.

THE AMOY FIELD.

Centres: Amoy, Chinchew, Changpu, Yungchun.

The Synod of Amoy has three Presbyteries.

There are 25 Pastorates and 82 stations in association with our Mission, besides those associated with the American Reformed Mission.

THE SWATOW FIELD.

Centres: Swatow, Chaochowfu, Swabue.

¹ Mrs. J. L. Maxwell (Tainan), Mrs. Gushue-Taylor and Mrs. Lamb (Changpu) are certificated nurses. These ladies give invaluable expert help in the medical work of their centres. Much help in Girls' and Women's Schools, and in visiting in the hospitals and at country stations, is given by the other missionaries' wives.

² Postal rates as at May 31, 1920.

THE HAKKA FIELD.

Centres : Wukingfu, Samhopa, Shanghang.

The Synod of Chao Hwei has two Presbyteries, Swatow and Wukingfu, with 19 Pastorates and 49 other stations under the former, and 4 Pastorates and 45 stations under the latter.

FORMOSA.

Centres : Tainan, Shoka.

The Synod of Formosa has two Presbyteries, one in the field of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission, and one, the Presbytery of Tainan, in our field. The latter has 8 Pastorates and a total of 106 stations.

SINGAPORE.

Centre : Singapore.

The Presbytery of Singapore has 2 Pastorates and 10 stations.

INDIA.

Centres : Rampore Boalia and Naogaon.

Rampore Boalia has two out-stations.

Our Mission is included within the Presbytery of Calcutta, Presbyterian Church of India.

GROWTH OF MEMBERSHIP :—1918-19.

—	Amoy	Swatow	Hakka-land	Formosa	Singa-pore	Rajshahi	
						Rampore Boalia	Naogaon
Communicants, 1918	3,003	4,719	1,468	4,883	575	50	20
Adult Baptisms during the year	148	190	55	319	16	21	—
Received to Communion (Bap- tised in Infancy)	38	51	8	86	9	—	—
Received by Certificate	43	32	31	1	32	—	—
Restored to Communion... ..	—	2	2	4	—	—	—
Total Received	229	—	—	410	57	21	—
Deaths	61	71	33	116	} 64	5	—
Gone elsewhere	65	39	38	1		5	—
Suspended or moved from the Roll	17	6	20	24	—	3	—
Net Increase	86	—	5	269	decrease 7	8	—
Communicants, 1919	3,089	4,878	1,473	5,152	568	58	20
Members under Suspension ...	170	196	123	248	—	—	—
Children Baptized during the year	154	283	70	408	31	18	—
Baptized Children, 1919... ..	2,067	3,726	1,079	5,159	513	38	11
Total Membership— Adults & Children	5,326	—	2,675	10,559	1,081	114	31
Inquirers	2,021	—	—	—	—	—	—

The Mission Hospitals, November 1, 1918, to October 31, 1919.
Students, Patients, Operations.

No.	OHINA										JAPAN		INDIA	
	AMOI FIELD			SWATOW FIELD			HAKKA FIELD*				FORMOSA		RAJSHAH (BENGAL)	
	Chin- chew : General Hospital	Chin- chew : W.M.A. Hospital	Chang- pu	Yung- chun (Eng. chun)	Swatow: Swatow: General Hospital	Chao- chowfn	Swabie	Wu- kingfu	Hopo Dis- pensary	Shang- haug	Tainan	Shoka (Chiang- ho) 5 months	Ram- pore Boatia	Nao- gaon
1	1	2	1	—	2	1	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	1 (on fur- lough)
2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	6	1	6	—	5	—	—	2	—	—	6	—	—	—
6	675	4	595	—	12	—	209	3	—	—	610	—	—	—
7	108	202	85	—	545	—	56	—	—	—	316	—	—	—
8	2,778	—	1,504	—	7,349	—	881	—	2,692	—	2,902	—	2,540	376
9	1,053	1,021	414	—	2,152	—	593	—	1,327	—	2,027	—	1,000	216
10	617	—	50	—	611	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	395	80	50	—	452	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14	4,070	—	2,149	—	11,116	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	1,586	1,303	549	—	3,149	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16	19,868	7,539	14,065	—	42,293	—	7,218	—	2,692	—	3,528	—	2,540	975
17	—	206	—	—	1,595	—	634	—	11,645	—	2,348	—	1,000	216
18	307	—	220	—	648	—	662	—	1,244	—	21,802	—	4,000	1,468
19	—	—	30	—	188	—	32	—	Not classi- fied.	—	639	—	—	—
20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Not classi- fied.	—	222	—	—	—
21	159	16	70	—	220	—	21	—	total	—	29	—	—	—
22	1,023	279	1,200	—	—	—	89	—	198	—	41	—	—	—
23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	—	265	140	—	419	—	—	—	49	—	419	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	95	—	60	—	246	—	60	—	100	—	100	—	—	—

* No return has been received from Samhopia.

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